

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on April 4th for the Sunday of the Holy Cross

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We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, April 4, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of the Holy Cross
- ◇ George the Righteous of Maleon
- ◇ Righteous Plato the Studite
- ◇ Nicetas the Hieromartyr, Struggler of Serrai (1808)

And see how He also makes His discourse unexceptionable: not saying at all, "whether you will, or no, you must suffer this," but how? "If any man will come after me."

"I force not, I compel not, but each one I make lord of his own choice; wherefore also I say, 'If any man will.' For to good things do I call you, not to things evil, or burdensome; not to punishment and vengeance, that I should have to compel.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 55 on Matthew 16, 1. B#54, p.339., 4th Century

Narthex Duty:

Welcoming Ministry: NA during Covid

Orthros Reader: NA during Covid

Memorial:

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Sunday of the Holy Cross

With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent.

Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.
6:30 AM

April

Fridays During Great Lent: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
April 29: Vesperal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

2nd Tone

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity; and when You raised the dead from the infernal depths and from the darkness below, all the hosts of heavenly powers proclaimed and cried out to You: O life giving Christ, our God, glory to You.

Apolytikion for Sun. of the Holy Cross

1st Tone

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion

Plagal of the 2nd Tone

- O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you
- Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude,
- Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
- Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,
- From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you
- I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Απολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος β'

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Απολυτίκιον

Ἦχος α'

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεύσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τό σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

- Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
- ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
- ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε,
- Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
- ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἦ
- να κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 4:14-16, 5:1-6 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανούς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περικείται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρὼν. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 8:34-38, 9:1
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἀμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Gospel According to
Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021

GREAT LENT:

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1st Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

2nd Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

3rd Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

4th Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - *donated*

- ♦ Flowers for Stavroproskyniseos (3rd Sunday) - *donated*
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - *donated*
- ♦ Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - *donated*



HOLY WEEK:

- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Nymphios —*donated*
- ♦ **Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction**
- ♦ **Flour for Holy Unction**
- ♦ Seven Candles for Holy Unction—*donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - *donated*
- ♦ Candles for the Holy Cross - *donated*
- ♦ 12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - *donated*
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - *donated*
- ♦ **White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed**
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - *donated*
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - *donated*
- ♦ Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection —*donated*

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):

- ♦ Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi - *donated*
- ♦ Eggs for Holy Pascha —*donated*
- ♦ Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs —*donated*

Note: Please specify exact item with your donation. THANK YOU for your love & support! Βοήθειά σας!

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Kindly make checks payable to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church.

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 4th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 11th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 18th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 25th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 30th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 2nd NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Lenten Services



GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays: 6:00 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12



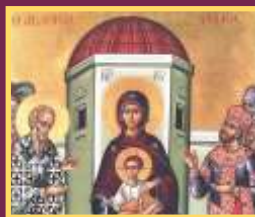
LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

March 17, 31 & April 7, 14

Fridays 6:30 a.m.

March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16



SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS (THE AKATHIST HYMN)

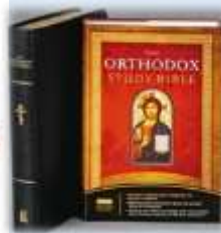
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ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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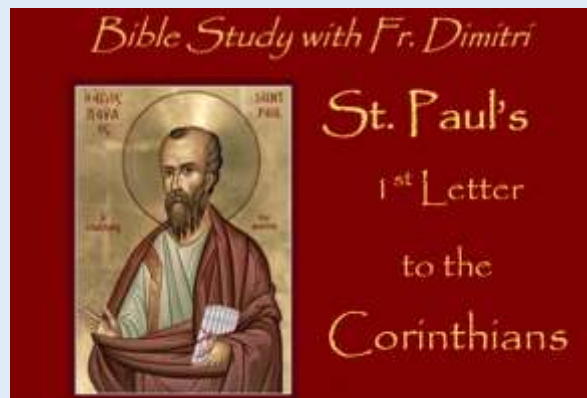


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10:00 am – 11:00 am

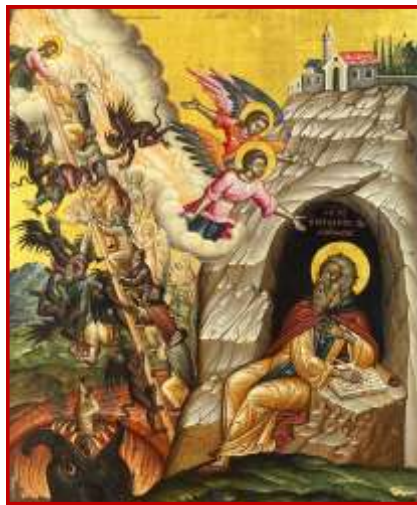
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Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



Online
Adult Religious Education

The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

November 11 - April 14

Join us online each week

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

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St. Basil Philoptochos PALM SUNDAY Lamb Raffle

Enter for your chance to win
one of four ****WHOLE** baby lambs

**Freshly cut & wrapped

**Ready to cook or freeze

Tickets
\$10 each
or
3 for \$25

Tickets will be mailed to all Stewards
and sold after Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall

Drawing on Palm Sunday, April 25
(winner need not be present)

GET
YOUR
TICKETS!

ENTER
TO
WIN!

Thank you for your support!
All proceeds will help us
continue our
philanthropic endeavors!



Orthodox Christian
PRISON MINISTRY

2021 St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Lenten Lecture

April 7th at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Paul Martin

Pastor of the Annunciation-St. Paraskeve
Greek Orthodox Church, New Buffalo, MI

Reflections on Prison Ministry as a volunteer Chaplain and an Orthodox Priest at the Indiana State Prison

[Watch on YouTube](#)

Since 2006, Fr. Paul has been serving as Volunteer Chaplain to the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black at Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, IN.



Metropolis Outreach



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products

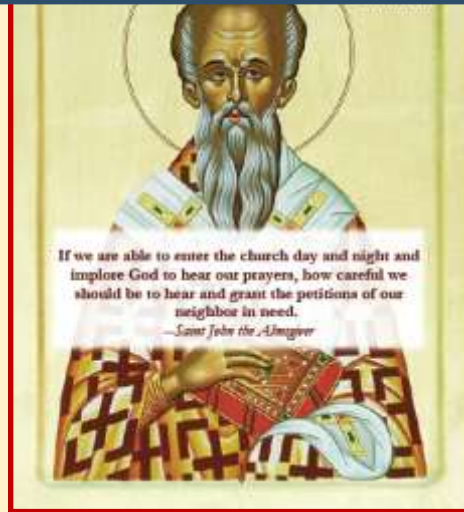


HOPE
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project

Parish Outreach



St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Parish Outreach

Ladies Philoptochos requests your donations of breakfast foods for Chicago's Lakeview Pantry.



- Cereal - Cold or hot any flavor any brand
- Breakfast Cereal Bars
- Shelf-stable juice

The economic downturn caused by the pandemic has forced many people to turn to Lakeview Pantry who never imagined they would have to seek help to feed their family. Thank you to our generous parishioners and friends who for more than ten years have been helping to feed the hungry who turn to

Lakeview Pantry.

Please bring your donation to the Church by Palm Sunday, April 25.

For an easy way to donate food and have it delivered directly to the Church, consider ordering through Amazon. We have a link below to some food and juice items. The Church's Ship to Address is below. These items are suggestions only. Please feel free to order anything you would like. Or donate store bought items. All are welcome.

If you use The Amazon Smile program, St. Basil Church will receive 0.5% of your purchase price. Instructions for signing up for this important program are attached.

Ship To Address:
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
733 S. Ashland Ave.
Chicago, IL 60607

CLICK THE IMAGES BELOW TO ORDER FROM AMAZON





Please join our
**Philoptochos
Blood Drive**



June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



Blood Donors Are Needed!

Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society

is collaborating with

Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society

to host a Blood Drive at **St. George.**

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at dot64@rcn.com.



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church is using
SIGN UP GENIUS

Please click on the Link
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services
Reserve Your Spot Today!

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

Holy Week—Volunteers Needed

CALLING ALL YOUNG LADIES

We need myrofores (myrrh bearing women) for Holy Friday Night

Please wear a white dress and see Jennifer Georgopouls if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



CALLING ALL STRONG ARMS

We need volunteers to carry the Kouvouklion around the church on the evening of Holy Friday. Please participate in the honor of carrying the bier of our Lord Jesus Christ

^S Please See Tony Frankos if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

We need volunteers to read the Gospel in foreign languages during the Agape Vespers on Easter Sunday, May 2. Looking for a variety of languages...some examples below:

Spanish—Italian—Chinese—Tigrina
Latin—Russian—Romanian—Swahili
German—Arabic—Oromo—English
French—Japanese—Amharic, and other
languages welcome



Please contact Father Dimitri if you are interested in participating in this wonderful service.

Holy Week — Liturgical Schedule



Saturday, April 24

Saturday of Lazarus
Orthros 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.



Thursday, April 29

Mystical Supper Liturgy
Vespers Liturgy 6:30 a.m.
The Passion Service
Orthros 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25

Palm Sunday
Orthros 8:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Holy Monday Orthros
(Bridegroom Service)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Friday, April 30

The Royal Hours
Hours Service 9:00 a.m.
The Apokatheilosis
(Removal from the Cross)
Vespers 3:00 p.m.
The Lamentations
Orthros 7:00 p.m.



Monday, April 26

Holy Tuesday Orthros
(Bridegroom Service)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



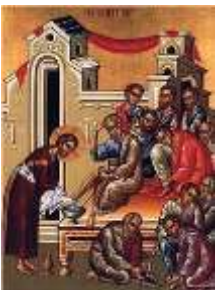
Tuesday, April 27

Holy Tuesday Orthros
(Bridegroom Service)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Wednesday, April 28

Unction Ευχέλιον Service
Unction 3:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday Orthros
(with Unction)
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



Saturday, May 1

The Protianastasi
(Little Resurrection)
Vespers Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
The Orthros of the Resurrection
Orthros 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

The Resurrection
Come Receive the Light 12:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 12:30 a.m.
The Agape Vespers 12:00 p.m.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

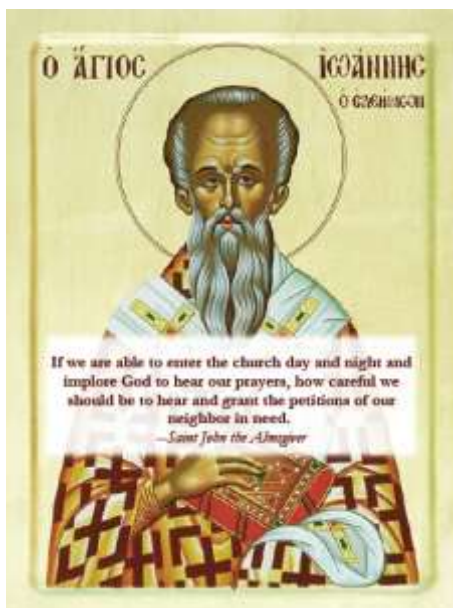
- **Sunday, April 4, 8:15am - Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross**
 - Monday, April 5, 6:00pm - Great Compline
 - Monday, April 5, 9:00pm - Parish Council
 - Tuesday, April 6, 10:00am - Bible Study
 - Wednesday, April 7, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
 - Wednesday, April 7, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class
 - Friday, April 9, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
 - Friday, April 9, 6:00pm - Salutations to Theotokos
 - Saturday April 10, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fourth Saturday of Lent
- **Sunday, April 11, 8:15am - Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus**
 - Monday, April 12, 6:00pm - Great Compline
 - Tuesday, April 13, 9:00pm - Philoptochos Meeting
 - Wednesday, April 14, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
 - Wednesday, April 14, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	3 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Third Saturday of Lent
4 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross	5 6:00 pm Great Compline Parish Council	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	8	9 6:30 am Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	10 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fourth Saturday of Lent
11 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus	12 6:00 pm Great Compline	13 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting	14 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	15 Tax Day	16 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn	17 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn
18 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	19	20	21	22	23 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	24 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
25 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday	26 6:00 pm Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night	27 6:00 pm Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani	28 3:00 pm Holy Unction 6:00 pm Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday	29 6:30 am Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel	30 9:00 am Royal Hours of Holy Friday 3:00 pm Vespers of Holy Friday 7:00 pm The Unailing Holy Friday Night - Orthros of Holy Saturday - The Lamentations	1 9:00 am Vespers Liturgy of the Proti-Anastasi Service of Preparation 11:45 pm Come Receive the Light!

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
106 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$170,809.00

Dollar Amount Collected
\$69,478.00

Average Pledge
\$1611.41

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil
72 out of 106 (67.92%)



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device